

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An infusion container comprising:

a medicine storing chamber; and

a dissolving liquid storing chamber, the dissolving liquid storing chamber being connected with the medicine storing chamber, wherein the medicine storing chamber holds, within a cavity internal to the medicine storing chamber, a small container having including an open mouth and storing a freeze-dried medicine, and is so constructed as to be partitioned from the dissolving liquid storing chamber when the infusion container is out of use and preserved and configured to communicate with the dissolving liquid storing chamber when in use,

wherein the medicine storing chamber comprises a container body with a bottom thereof connected with the dissolving liquid storing chamber and a capping member configured to seal a mouth portion of the container body, and the small container is held in the container body,

wherein the container body has in an inside thereof a fitting portion configured to fit a part of the small container thereby positioning the small container,

wherein the small container has a longitudinal groove in side walls thereof and/or a trench in a bottom wall thereof, and the fitting portion of the container body is a protruding piece which fits the longitudinal groove and/or the trench, the protruding piece being formed on the bottom of the container body, and

wherein the container body has at the bottom a hole configured to allow communication with the dissolving liquid storing chamber, the protruding piece is movable on the bottom of the container body, a bottom portion of the protruding piece openably seals the communication hole, and the capping member has an engaging portion engaged with a tip

portion of the protruding piece and is configured to open the communication hole by a rotation of the capping member via the engaging portion and the protruding piece so that the freeze-dried medicine can be mixed with a dissolving liquid through the communication hole and the open mouth from the dissolving liquid storing chamber to be supplied as a solution for infusion.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The infusion container of claim [[4]] 1, wherein the longitudinal groove comprises two or more grooves formed equidistantly and circumferentially in the side walls of the small container.

Claims 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The infusion container of claim 1, wherein the small container is made of a synthetic resin or a metal.

Claims 8-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for storing a freeze-dried medicine in an infusion container comprising a medicine storing chamber configured to store a medicine and a dissolving liquid storing chamber, the dissolving liquid storing chamber being connected with the medicine storing chamber and being so partitioned from the medicine storing chamber that an inside of the dissolving liquid storing chamber is configured to be

communicated with an inside of the medicine storing chamber when in use, the method comprising:

- placing a small container storing a medicine inside the medicine storing chamber;
- rotating the medicine storing chamber with respect to the dissolving liquid chamber so as to place both chambers in communication with each other;
- filling the small container with a solution prepared by dissolving the medicine;
- freeze-drying the solution to form the freeze-dried medicine; and
- storing the freeze-dried medicine in the medicine storing chamber along with the small container without taking the freeze-dried medicine out from the small container.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The infusion container of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the small container has a trench in a bottom wall thereof, and the fitting portion fits the trench.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The infusion container of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the container body is integrally made of polypropylene and more rigid than the dissolving liquid storing chamber.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The infusion container of claim 1, wherein the medicine storing chamber and the dissolving liquid storing chamber are integrally molded.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The infusion container of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the capping member has a rubber plug and a claw formed on a ceiling of the capping member is configured to fit on a cavity formed on the rubber plug.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The infusion container of claim 15, wherein a surface of the rubber plug is laminated.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The infusion container of claim 15, wherein an O-ring is disposed between the rubber plug, a mouth portion of the medicine storing chamber, and the capping member.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The infusion container of claim [[2]] 1, wherein at least two projections are formed on an outer periphery of the container body, and at least two depressions are formed on an internal surface of the capping member so as to restrict a rotational movement of the capping member.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The infusion container of claim 15, wherein the rubber plug comprises a rubber body and a rubber plug portion positioned substantially at the center of an upper surface of the rubber body.